REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated July 26, 2005. Claims 1, 3, 4, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15 to 46, 63, 65 and 67 to 70 are in the application, of which all claims have been allowed or indicated as allowable. Claims 1, 9 and 12 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for her indication of allowable subject matter in independent Claims 1 and 12, together with all claims that depend therefrom.

Applicants also thank the Examiner for her indication that independent Claim 9, together with all of its dependent claims, would be allowable if amended as set forth at pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action. However, this comment at pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action is frankly not understood, since it is believed that Claim 9 has already been amended to include the subject matter previously indicated as allowable, and in any event is allowable as set forth in more detail below.[1/]

In more detail, it is believed that each of the independent claims herein recites arrangements that correspond with one another, and that each is fully consonant with features deemed allowable by the Examiner in the instant Office Action and in previous Office Actions. The chart on the next page of this Amendment demonstrates this correspondence, in which the language of independent Claims 1, 9 and 12 is set out in side-by-side arrangement so as to emphasize the correspondence between the claims:

[1/]A minor amendment has been made to Claim 9, to improve antecedence of the "user" recited therein.

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Claim 1

A document processing system comprising:

folder retainer means for retaining a plurality of folders, each of the folders storing at least one document;

new document retainer means for retaining a new document;

a folder searcher for searching the plurality of folders to identify at least one candidate folder from the plurality of folders suitable for storing the new document, by comparing a feature of the new document with an average of features of the documents stored in a folder among the plurality of folders, for each of the plurality of folders, wherein the at least one candidate folder has documents more similar to the new document than documents in others of the plurality of folders; and

controlling means for controlling to store the new document into a selected folder selected by a user from the plurality of folders searched by said folder searcher.

Claim 9

A document processing method of a document processing system which includes a processing unit and memory, the method comprising the steps of:

searching a plurality of folders to identify at least one candidate folder from the plurality of folders suitable for storing a new document, by comparing a feature of the new document with an average of features of documents stored in a folder among the plurality of folders, for each of the plurality of folders, wherein the at least one candidate folder has documents more similar to the new document than documents in others of the plurality of folders; and

controlling to store the new document into a selected folder selected by a user from the plurality of folders searched in said searching step.

Claim 12

A computer readable storage medium storing programs executing the steps of:

searching a plurality of folders to identify at least one candidate folder from the plurality of folders suitable for storing a new document, by comparing a feature of the new document with an average of features of documents stored in a folder among the plurality of folders, for each of the plurality of folders, wherein the at least one candidate folder has documents more similar to the new document than documents in others of the plurality of folders; and

controlling to store the new document into a selected folder selected by a user from the plurality of folders searched in said searching step.

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It is therefore believed that Claim 9 recited subject matter deemed allowable

by the Examiner, and allowance of Claim 9 (and its dependent claims) is therefore

respectfully requested.

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